JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Administrative Law Court, Seat 1.

1. NAME:

The Honorable Ralph K. "Tripp" Anderson, III

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

1205 Pendleton St., Ste. 224,

Columbia, SC 29201

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(803) 734-0550

2. Date of Birth:

1959

Place of Birth:

Florence, S.C.

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

- 5. Family Status: Married on October 2, 1999, to Linda Corley Anderson. Divorced Janet Anderson on February 19, 1998, Richland County Family Court, State of South Carolina, Janet Anderson was moving party; one year separation. No children.
- 6. Have you served in the military? No
- 7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) Francis Marion University August 1977 to August 1980. Bachelor of Science;
 - (b) University of South Carolina August 1981 to May 1984. Juris Doctor.
- 8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state.

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- 9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held.
 - (a) Francis Marion University

Alpha Tau Omega - Vice President; Thomas Arkle Clark Award recipient; Social Projects Chairman (2 years).

Phi Kappa Phi

Francis Marion Student Marshall

Delegate representing Francis Marion at the Citadel National Student Conference and Greater Issues Series

(b) USC Law School

Chairman of the Student Bar Association Curriculum Committee.

10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years. Include only the title and date of any continuing legal or judicial education course completed.

Conference/CLE Name

Date

(a) South Carolina Law Review 2013 Symposium

March 1, 2013;

(b) SC Bar Convention (Admin. & Reg. Seminar)

January 25, 2013;

(c) Witness Preparation (SCAARLA)

November 9, 2012:



| | (u) | Violent Predator and Victims Rights | September 26, 2012, |
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| | (e) | Identity Theft Protection | August 24, 2012; |
| | (f) | Investigating and Prosecuting Internet | July 27, 2012; |
| | () | Crimes Against Children | , , , |
| | (g) | Medicaid Fraud | January 20, 2012; |
| | (h) | 2011 Ethics Seminar (SCAARLA) | October 7, 2011; |
| | (i) | The Legislature and Law | September 16, 2011; |
| | (j) | Internet for Lawyers (SCAARLA) | August 19, 2011; |
| | (k) | Ethics and Professional Responsibility | December 3, 2010; |
| | (1) | Advanced Legal Writing & Editing | September 17, 2010; |
| | (m) | Criminal Domestic Violence in S.C. | June 18, 2010; |
| | (n) | Ethics Seminar | February 25, 2010; |
| | (o) | The Nuts and Bolts of a Ethics Complaint | January 29, 2010; |
| | | Before the ODC | |
| | (p) | The South Carolina Association of County's | December 11, 2009; |
| | | SC Local Government Attorneys' | |
| | (q) | Atty. General's Office Ethics Seminar | November 20, 2009; |
| | (r) | Hot Topics in Admin. Law | October 30, 2009; |
| | (s) | Judicial Merit Selection Commission | July 31, 2009; |
| | (t) | It's All a Game – Top Trial Lawyers Tackle Evidence | February 13, 2009; |
| | (u) | The Evolving World of Administrative Law | September 19, 2008. |
| 1. | Have | you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association | n conferences, educationa |

September 28, 2012:

11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?

Recently, I spoke or taught at the following programs or seminars:

Post Conviction Proceedings: Sexually

- (a) I spoke and participated in a panel discussion at the at the SC Bar Convention on January 25, 2013;
- (b) I lectured at a Public Service Comm. CLE on March 20, 2013;
- (c) I lectured at two Administrative Law CLEs on February 21 & 22, 2013;
- (d) I spoke at a SC Bar CLE involving Hot Topics in Administrative Law on October 30, 2009;
- (e) I participated in a panel discussion in a Judicial Merit Selection Commission CLE on July 31, 2009.
- 12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each.
 - (a) "A Survey on Attributes Considered Important for Presidential Candidates," Carolina Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, April 17, 1980;
 - (b) "An Overview of Practice and Procedure Before the Administrative Law Judge Division," <u>South Carolina Trial Lawyer</u>, Summer 1996.
- 13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
 - (a) Admitted to the SC Bar in November 1984;
 - (b) Admitted to U.S. District Court for SC in February 1985;
 - (c) Admitted to U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in March 1985.

(d)

- 14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
 - (d) If you are a candidate for Administrative Law Judge, please provide a brief written description of your experience before an Administrative Law Judge, including any issues discussed and the frequency of your appearances before the Administrative Law Judge Court.

I began my legal career at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. During my career at the AG's office I prosecuted numerous criminal cases of all types and handled a wide variety of civil litigation. My duties included:

- (a) Statewide criminal prosecutor;
- (b) Assisted in the implementation of the Statewide Grand Jury;
- (c) Extradition hearing officer on behalf of the Governor of South Carolina;
- (d) Counsel to the State Ethics Commission:
- (e) Represented the State in a variety of civil litigation matters;
- (f) Represented the State in post conviction relief matters;
- (g) Committee Attorney for the State Employee Grievance Committee;
- (h) Prosecutor for the Engineering and Land Surveyor's Board;

I also prosecuted Medical Board cases, wrote Attorney General Opinions and handled Criminal Appeals.

On May 25, 1994, I was elected to Administrative Law Judge Seat No. 6 and re-elected in 1996, 2001, and 2006. Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.

On May 13, 2009, I was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge.

- 15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, <u>Best Lawyers</u>, <u>Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super Lawyers, etc.</u>? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any. AV
- 22. Have you ever held judicial office?

Yes. I was elected by the General Assembly to serve as an Administrative Law Judge, February 1, 1995 and served in that capacity until elected Chief Administrative Law Judge May 13, 2009. I have been serving a Chef Judge continuously since that date.

Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.

The appellate jurisdiction includes appeals involving Medicaid; driver's license revocations and suspensions; licensing decisions from boards/commissions under the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Budget and Control Board's Employee Insurance Program; AFDC benefits; operation of day care facilities and foster home licensing; food stamps; and revocations or suspensions of teachers' certificates. The Administrative Law Court also hears appeals from final decisions of the Department of Corrections in "non-collateral" matters, and appeals from final decisions of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services permanently denying parole eligibility.

The contested case litigation includes hearings involving environmental and health permitting; Certificates of Need; State Retirement Systems' disability determinations;

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises; state and county tax matters; alcoholic beverage issues; and wage disputes
- 23. If the answer to question 22 is yes, describe or list five of your most significant orders or opinions and give the citations if they were reported. Also list citations to any appellate review of these orders or opinions.
 - (a) McNeil v. South Carolina Department of Corrections, 00-ALJ-04-00336-AP (September 5, 2001) (en banc). Holding reviewed in Sullivan v. South Carolina Dept. of Corrections, 355 S.C. 437, 586 S.E.2d 124 (2003).
 - (b) <u>Paris Mountain Utilities, Inc., et al. v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Docket No. 01-ALJ-07-0462-CC</u>
 - (c) Providence Hospital v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital, Docket No. 02-ALJ-07-0155-CC
 - (d) <u>Travelscape, LLC v. South Carolina Department of Revenue, Docket No. 08-ALJ-17-0076-CC.</u> Holding affirmed in <u>Travelscape, LLC v. South Carolina Dept. of Revenue, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d 28 (2011)</u>
 - (e) <u>Duke Energy Corporation v. South Carolina Department of Revenue, Docket No.</u> 10-ALJ-17-0270-CC
- 24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty?

Appointed and served as an Assistant Attorney General 1985 to January, 1995.

25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor.

Not applicable.

- 26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office?
 - (a) Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3 (February 23, 1994);
 - (b) Fifth Judicial Circuit Court, Seat 3 (May 24, 2000) Found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to election;
 - (c) Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 9 (January 16, 2003) Found qualified but not nominated;
 - (d) Court of Appeals, Seat 9 (March 10, 2008) Found qualified but not nominated.
- 27. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office?
 - (a) Self-employed Salesman March 26, 1980 to August 1980;
 - (b) Florence School District #1 Summer worker (1973-75).
- 28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No.
- 29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek.

 Not applicable
- 31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state

- law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? No.
- 32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No.
- 33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No.
- 34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law?

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission staff previously informed me that six lawsuits have been filed against me in the past in which I was one of the named parties. All of these lawsuits apparently derived from decisions I made as an ALJ regarding inmate litigation pursuant to Al-Shabazz v. State, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000). When these lawsuits are filed with the Administrative Law Court, the Clerk's Office simply sends the pleadings to the Attorney General's Office. The judge's are not informed of these lawsuits.

The cases were as follows:

- (a) <u>Kenneth Green v. SCDC, SCDC Medical and Health Services, Crystal M</u>
 <u>Rookard and Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III, Civil Docket #: 9.03-cv-01424-HMH-GCK;</u>
- (b) <u>Kenneth Bernard Green v. Unknown South Carolina Department of Corrections, Ralph K. Anderson, III and Crystal M. Rookard, Civil Docket #: 9.03-cv-01343-HMH;</u>
- (c) <u>Kenneth Green v. Unknown South Carolina Department of Corrections,</u>
 Ralph K. Anderson, III and Barton J. Vincent, Civil Docket #: 9.03-cv-00909-HMH;
- (d) <u>Kenneth Green v. S.C. Attorney General, Unknown South Carolina</u> <u>Department of Corrections, Ralph K. Anderson, III, George C. Kosko and Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Civil Docket #: 6.03-cv-03059-GRA;</u>
- (e) Kenneth Green v. J Sanders, Captain FNU Murray, Major FNU Neasman, Warden FNU Harrison, Captain FNU Robinson, Sergeant FNU Dunlap, Officer FNU Page, Sergeant FNU Mackey, Unknown Officials, Lieutenant FNU Seward, Lieutenant FNU Jerengan, Officer FNU Rollins, Gary D Maynard, Charlie Condon, Governor Jim Hodges, SC Sentencing Guideline Commission, Barton J Vincent, Judge Ralph K Anderson, III, South Carolina Legislators, Judge George C. Kosko, Judge Henry M. Herlong, Jr., Judge William M Catoe, Judge G Ross Anderson, Jr., and Patricia S Conner, Civil Docket #: 0.04-cv-01584-TLW;
- (f) <u>Curtis Dale Richardson v. South Carolina Department of Corrections, Governor Mark Sanford, SCDC Director Jon Ozmint, Warden Willie Eagleton, Warden Faulkenberry, David Tatarsky, Judge Ralph K Anderson, III, Chief Marvin F. Kittrell and Attorney General Henry McMaster, Civil Docket #: 4.06-cv-00453-RBH.</u>

All of the cases were dismissed

- 36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
- 37. If you are in private practice, are you covered by malpractice insurance and, if so, how long have you carried malpractice insurance? If applicable, have you ever been covered by a tail policy? Also, if applicable, indicate your coverage and deductible for your current malpractice policy. Not applicable.
- 38. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? No.
- 39. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)?

 No.
- 40. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? No.
- 41. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated."
 - I do not know of any formal or informal allegations of violations of S.C. Code § 8-13-700 by me or any other candidate.
- 42. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign."
 - I do not know of any formal or informal allegations of violations of S.C. Code \S 8-13-765 by me or any other candidate.
- 43. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. Other than printing this application, none.
- 44. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship. No such contributions have been made by me or anyone on my behalf.
- 45. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? No, as to both questions.
- 46. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No, as to both questions.
- 47. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy?
 - I have not ever solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy and I do not know of anyone directly or indirectly who has ever solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of my candidacy.

- 48. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? No.
- 49. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
 - (a) South Carolina Bar;
 - (b) Administration and Regulatory Law Committee of the SC Bar.
- 50. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere. Shandon Baptist Church.
- 51. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.

I was one of the original six judges elected, when the Administrative Law Court was implemented. During my tenure on the Court I have worked arduously to fulfill my judicial duties. In particular, I have sought to issue well reasoned orders which, I believe, reflect a commitment to following sound legal principles of our State's laws.

- 52. References
 - (a) Dr. John R. Lincoln Shandon Baptist Church 5250 Forest Drive Columbia, SC 29206 (803) 782-1300
 - (b) Richard C. Jones, Esq. P.O. Box 1268 Sumter, S.C. 29151-1268 (803) 773-8676
 - (c) Edwin E. Evans, Esq.
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 109 Osborne Bldg.
 Columbia, SC 29208
 (803) 738-0831 or 777-1355
 - (d) James E. Smith 90 Running Fox Road Columbia, S.C. 29223 (803) 788-6594
 - (e) Cody W. Miller Wells Fargo Bank, NA 930 Assembly Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 253-7684

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Ralph K. Anderson, III

Date: July 10, 2013

Ralph King Anderson, III 330 Aiken Hunt Circle Columbia, SC 29223 (803) 734-0550

October 15, 2013

Jane O. Shuler Chief Counsel, Judicial Merit Selection Commission Room 104 Gressette Building P.O. Box 142 Columbia, S.C. 29202

Re: Answer to Question 34 in Personal Data Questionnaire

Dear: Ms. Shuler,

In my interview with you, I was requested to respond to and amend my answer to the Personal Data Questionnaire regarding a law suit found as a result of the SLED background check. As I explained in my original answer to question 34, lawsuits derived from decisions of ALJs regarding inmate litigation pursuant to Al-Shabazz v. State, 338 S.C. 354, 527 S.E.2d 742 (2000) are often filed against the judge who issues the decision. When these lawsuits are filed with the Administrative Law Court, the Clerk's Office simply sends the pleadings to the Attorney General's Office. The judges are not informed of these lawsuits. Therefore, until informed about the most recent lawsuit of Jerry Lee Bruce v. Ralph King Anderson, Ferrell Cothran, Sharon Odam and Ray Chandler, Civil Docket #: 4.91-cv-03572-JFA, I was unaware of its existence. In fact, the materials provided to me regarding this lawsuit reflect that it was **not** even served upon the Court and was thereafter summarily dismissed.

Sincerely,

Ralph King Anderson, III